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SUBJECT: CODEL WOLFF PRESS CONFERENCE

1. THE FOLLOWING ARE VERBATIM EXTRACTS OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE GIVEN BY CODEL WOLFF AT PALAM AIRPORT, NEW DELHI, ON JAN 20, 1978. WORDS IN PARENTHESES HAVE BEEN ADDED TO MAKE THE TRANSCRIPT CLEAR, WHERE THE TAPE WAS INAUDIBLE.

2. CHAIRMAN WOLFF: ... FIRST LET ME SAY THAT OUR DELEGATION IS EXTREMELY PLEASED WITH THE COURSE OF OUR VISIT HERE. WE HAVE HELD A NUMBER OF MEETINGS WITH HIGH-RANKING INDIAN AUTHORITIES, INCLUDING THE PRIME MINISTER, THE FOREIGN MINISTER, THE FOREIGN SECRETARY AND MINISTERS OF VARIOUS OTHER DEPARTMENTS OF THE GOVERNMENT. WE BROKE UP INTO SMALLER WORKING UNITS SO THAT WE COULD INTENSIFY OUR EFFORTS HERE.... WE HAVE DISCUSSED WITH THE PRIME MINISTER THE ROLE THAT INDIA INTENDS TO PLAY IN THE FUTURE AS WELL AS THE ROLE THAT THEY CONSIDER TO BE AMERICA'S ROLE IN THE FUTURE. WE PROJECTED THE IDEA OF SETTING UP AN ASIAN AND PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY, WHICH MET WITH FAVOR BY ALL THAT WE SPOKE TO... WE ALSO HAD AN OPPORTUNITY FOR LOOKING INTO..THE PRODUCTION OF LICIT NARCOTICS, LEGAL NARCOTICS THAT ARE GROWN BY THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT. WE ARE IMPRESSED WITH THE FACT THAT THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT HAS

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BEEN ABLE TO CONTROL THE SUPPLY SO THAT THERE IS LITTLE DIVERGENCE TO THE ILLICIT MARKET. WE ARE CONCERNED... ABOUT A NEW ITEM COMING OUT FROM THIS AREA OF THE WORLD, WHICH IS LIQUID HASHISH. LIQUID HARSHISH IS A HIGHLY POTENT SUBSTANCE THAT IN SOME CASES CAN BE SO WELL CONCEALED THAT IT IS ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO DETECT BECAUSE OF THE NATURE OF THE PRODUCT ITSELF AND BECAUSE OF

ITS HIGH CONCENTRATION... YOU SEE THE DIFFICULTIES THAT ARE INVOLVED IN TRYING TO INTERDICT THAT TYPE OF SUBSTANCE. AND THE ONLY WAY THAT THAT CAN BE REALLY INTERDICTED IS AT THE SOURCE. THAT'S WHY WE ARE GRATEFUL FOR THE COOPERATION OF THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES IN ATTEMPTING TO STOP NARCOTICS AT THE SOURCE. THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT WORKED TO SUPPORT THE UNITED STATES IN THE UNITED NATIONS RECENTLY ON THE INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL THAT WE INSTITUTED, AND WE ARE VERY GRATEFUL FOR THAT.

3. MR. GUYER: GENTLEMEN, I WOULD LIKE TO SAY THIS HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MOST PRODUCTIVE VISITS THAT WE HAVE EVER HAD. THE THING THAT IMPRESSED ME ENORMOUSLY WAS THE FACT THAT WE HAVE A REPRESENTATION HERE WHICH IS RATHER UNIQUE. WE HAVE CONGRESSMEN HERE FROM COAST TO COAST-- NEW YORK TO CALIFORNIA, FROM THE SOUTH TO MIDWEST, WE HAVE FOR THE FIRST TIME, I CAN RECALL A PERSONAL REPRESENTATIVE FROM THE PRESIDENT, MR. FREE, WE HAVE A RANKING STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICIAL OF THIS PART OF THE WORLD WITH US, MR. DUBS, MORE THAN THAT, WE HAVE HAD COMMITTEES SUCH AS INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS, SELECT COMMITTEE ON NARCOTICS, WAYS AND MEANS, APPROPRIATIONS AND ARMED SERVICES, AGRICULTURE... AND WE HAD DIALOGUE WITH ALMOST EVERY SEGMENT OF PEOPLE THAT WE COULD MEET. THIS HAS NOT BEEN A FUN TRIP WHATSOEVER. WE SPENT MOST OF THE DAY YESTERDAY VISITING A VILLAGE. WE HAVE TALKED TO PEOPLE BACK IN UNCLASSIFIED

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OTHER PARTS OF THE OUTLYING AREAS AS TO SOME OF THEIR NEEDS. WE MET YESTERDAY MORNING WITH THE AMERICAN BUSINESS SECTOR AND WE MADE A SHOPPING LIST OF THINGS WHICH WOULD MEET IMMEDIATE NEEDS IN THE AREA FOR EXAMPLE OF SMALL BUSINESS, WATER MANAGEMENT PROGRAMS, SANITATION, REPRODUCTION OF THINGS WHICH THEY ARE MOST NEEDFUL, AND WE ARE REMINDED AGAIN THAT WE ARE THIS COUNTRY'S GREATEST BUSINESS PARTNER. WE ALSO SHARE THEIR RUDIMENTS IN A FREE COUNTRY ALONG THE BASIC HUMAN RIGHTS, A GREAT EXPRESSION OF SELF-DETERMINATION OF GOVERNMENT AND I FOR ONE FELT THAT THIS WAS MOST MEANINGFUL BI-PARTISAN BUSINESS AND THAT EVERYBODY ELSE IN THE DELEGATION HAD A CHANCE TO ASK QUESTIONS, TO RESPOND TO QUESTIONS, AND THEY KEPT US WORKING SO HARD WE FORGOT WHAT TIME IT WAS ....

4. MR. RANGLE: I THINK IT IS SAFE TO SAY THAT ALL OF US LEAVE INDIVIDUALLY AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE OF THE UNITED STATES, AS MISSIONARIES AND SALESMEN FOR THE LOVE AND AFFECTION THAT HAS BEEN DISPLAYED TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE THROUGH US, AND I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE MATTER OF WHAT DIFFERENCES WE HAVE HAD IN THE PAST OR

IN THE FUTURE WITH OUR LEADERS, THAT THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE INDIAN PEOPLE AND THE AMERICAN PEOPLE NOT ONLY WILL IMPROVE, BUT WE WILL BE ABLE TO HAVE MORE AMERICANS VISIT THIS GREAT NATION, MORE AMERICANS TO UNDERSTAND THE GREAT OPPORTUNITY THAT EXISTS HERE FOR BUSINESS INVESTMENT AND ALSO TO BE MORE SENSITIVE TO THE NEEDS OF THE INDIAN PEOPLE. WITH ALL OF THE HEADS OF STATES THAT WE HAVE HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO MEET, I THINK THE MOST... MEMORABLE WAS WITH YOUR PRIME MINISTER, WHO HOPEFULLY WILL BE ABLE TO CREATE THE TYPE OF PEACEFUL CLIMATE THAT SO MANY AMERICANS ARE LOOKING FOR IN THIS AND OTHER PARTS OF THE WORLD....

5. MR. DANIELSON:... ONE POINT ONLY WHICH HAS NOT UNCLASSIFIED

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BEEN TOUCHED UPON I FOUND THAT MY IMPRESSION WAS THAT MANY OF THE SECRETARIAT OFFICIALS OF INDIA... WERE NOT AWARE OF THE EFFORTS WE ARE MAKING IN THE UNITED STATES TO MEET THE PROBLEMS OF THE ENERGY CRISIS. AND I THINK WE WERE ABLE TO DO A BIT OF GOOD BY EXPLAINING TO THEM THAT WE FULLY REALIZE THE IMPLICATIONS OF THE SHORTAGE OF ENERGY, BOTH FOR AMERICA AND IN ALL THE REST OF THE FREE WORLD AS WELL AS THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND RE-ASSURE THEM BY SPECIFYING WHAT WE ARE DOING, THAT WE ARE NOT SITTING IDLY BY, THAT WE ARE DOING EVERYTHING WITHIN OUR POWER TO WORK OUT A LONG-TERM SOLUTIONS TO THE ENERGY CRISIS...

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6. MR. BADHAM: I JUST WOULD LIKE TO SAY FROM MY POINT OF VIEW THAT I TOO THINK THAT THIS HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MOST VALUABLE EXPERIENCES... WITH OUR GLOBE CONTINUALLY SHRINKING AND THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES PLAYING AN EVER GREATER ROLE IN THE DETERMINATION AND EXECUTION OF FOREIGN POLICY, I THINK IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT OUR CONGRESS BECOME A BETTER INFORMED BODY OF INDIVIDUALS. I THINK THIS PARTICULAR TRIP HAS ADDED GREATLY TO EVERYONE IN THIS DELEGATION AND HOPEFULLY WE CAN INFORM OUR COLLEAGUES IN WASHINGTON TO MAKE EACH OF US BETTER INFORMED ON THE WORLD CONDITIONS, WORLD SITUATION, ECONOMICALLY FROM THE ENERGY STANDPOINT, MILITARILY AND FROM THE SECURITY STANDPOINT...

7. MR. SKUBITZ: THANKS YOU, MR. CHAIRMAN. MR. CHAIRMAN,... IT IS A DUTY OF EVERY MEMBER OF THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO MAKE TRIPS AS THIS COMMITTEEUY DONE, SO THAT THEY COULD ACTUALLY SEE FOR THEMSELVES WHAT IS GOING ON IN THE REST OF THE WORLD. IT IS SAID THAT ONE PICTURE IS WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS. IN MY OWN MIND I AM GOING BACK AS A FAR BETTER CONGRESSMAN....

8. MR. WON PAT:... I SHOULD FIRSTLY, APPRECIATE THE OPPORTUNITY GIVEN TO THE DELEGATION IN MAKING THIS TRIP. NOW IN THIS PARTICULAR AREA WHERE... THE NUMBER OF PEO-  
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PLE EXCEEDS MANY OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD, THEY HAVE A LOT OF POTENTIAL. I HAVE SEEN SOME OF THEIR PROBLEMS THAT THEY HAVE TO FACE... AND I BELIEVE THAT UNITED STATES IS LENDING A HAND.. AND I KNOW THAT THERE HAVE BEEN SOME STRAINED RELATIONS IN THE PAST, BUT IT IS EVIDENT... THAT OUR COUNTRY IS INTERESTED IN ATTAINING GOOD RELATIONS IN THIS AREA OF THE WORLD.

9. MR. JENRETTE:... IN ADITION TO THE IMPRESSION THAT I HAVE RECEIVED I HAVE TWO SPECIFICS... ONE IS THAT YOU HAVE SOME MONEY, OR INDIA HAS SOME MONEY AND NEEDS SOME VEGETABLE OIL AND WE HAVE SURPLUSES IN VEGETABLE OIL... I THINK THAT THOSE TWO COMMODITIES CAN BE EXCHANGED WITH GREAT DEAL OF BENEFIT. SECONDLY, I MET WITH THE MINISTER OF HOUSING, AND HE HAS AN AGGRESSIVE PROGRAM OF FORTY THOUSAND HOUSING U ITS FOR LOW-INCOME FAMILIES PER YEAR. WE IN THE UNITED STATES THROUGH OUR DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE IN OUR RURAL AREAS RECENTLY WENT THROUGH AN ERA OF RAPID ACCELERATION OF AVAILABLE HOUSING. THAT BROUGHT ABOUT A NUMBER OF PROBLEMS THAT WE DISCUSSED, THAT IS TO EDUCATE THE PEOPLE AS TO HOW TO USE A HOME...

IN MANY INSTANCES IN THE UNITED STATES THE PEOPLE WOULD ABANDON THEIR HOMES BECAUSE THEY HAD NOT BEEN PROPERLY INFORMED OUR EDUCATED AS TO THE NEED TO CARE FOR IT AND THE ADDITIONAL COSTS... I HOPE THAT THROUGH THIS VISIT OF THIS DELEGATION THROUGH OUR DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND OUR DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING CAN PROVIDE SOME PAPERS AND SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THE MISTAKES THAT WE MAKE SO THAT THIS GOVERNMENT.. WILL NOT GO THROUGH THOSE MISTAKES. IF THIS DELEGATION CAN HELP IN THAT INSTANCE, IT WILL BE WELL WORTH A TRIP.

10. INTERRUPTION: MR. CHAIRMAN, MAY I SAY ONE THING, I UNCLASSIFIED

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HAVE VOTED FOR FIVE YEARS FOR PL 480. I NEVER SAW AN OPERATION UNTIL YESTERDAY WHEN I WENT OUT TO VISIT THE BREEDING RESEARCH STATION. I HAVE NEVER SEEN THAT MONEY IN ACTION UNTIL YESTERDAY. I WAS VERY MUCH IMPRESSED BY WHAT THEY ARE DOING.

11. MR. DUBS:... I HAVE OFTEN FELT THAT OUR BILATERAL RELATIONSHIP IS VERY SOUND, RESTS ON VERY SOUND GROUND, NAMELY THAT WE ARE BOTH DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES, WE HAVE COMMON VALUES, COMMON AIMS, AND COMMON ASPIRATIONS. I THINK THERE IS AN ENORMOUS POTENTIAL WHICH YOU'VE SEEN BASICALLY FOR AN IMPROVED AND DEEP RELATIONSHIP WITH INDIA. BUT BEYOND THAT, MR. CHAIRMAN, I THINK ALL THE CONGRESSMEN ALSO RECOGNIZE THAT WE AS TWO LARGEST DEMOCRATIC COUNTRIES OF THE WORLD HAVE MUCH TO DO IN COMMON, IN WORKING ON THE PROBLEMS WHICH WE NORMALLY TERM GLOBAL ISSUES...

12. MR. WOLFF: MIGHT I JUST IN CLOSING OUR PART OF THE PRESS CONFERENCE... SAY THAT WE NATURALLY HAVE HAD SOME CONCERNS. OUR CONCERNS HAVE BEEN THE QUESTION OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE INDIAN OCEAN, ITS POSITION IN THE INDIAN OCEAN. THE CONFLICT THAT EXISTS BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES -- I WOULDN'T SAY CONFLICT, BUT THE DIFFERENCES THAT EXIST BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT REGARDING NUCLEAR POWER AND NUCLEAR REPROCESSING. THE PAST DIFFERENCES THAT HAVE OCCURRED THAT REALLY WERE SITUATIONS THAT ALMOST BROUGHT THE UNITED STATES TO AN ADVERSARY POSITION WITH INDIA. I BELIEVE THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO COMPENSATE FOR THOSE PROBLEMS OF THE PAST BY BRINGING OUR TWO NATIONS CLOSER TOGETHER BY THIS TRIP OF THE MEMBERS OF THE CONGRESS. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT ONE ASPECT OF THIS TRIP THAT IS MOST IMPORTANT IS THE FACT THAT INDIA IN ITS DEMOCRATIZATION PROCESS HAS A STRONG PARLIAMENT... BUT THE FACT DOES REMAIN THAT WE HAVE SET UP A LINE OF COMMUNICATION WHICH IS MOST IM-

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PORTANT AND IT DOES FOLLOW ON TO PRESIDENT CARTER'S TRIP WHICH TO ALL WHOM WE HAVE SPOKEN HAS BEEN A VERY SUCCESSFUL TRIP. BUT ONCE THE ORIGINAL CONTACTS HAVE BEEN MADE, IT REQUIRES IMPLEMENTATION OF THE IDEAS. AND IT IS WIIHHTHAT IN MIND THAT WE CAME TO INDIA, AND I THINK WE ARE LEAVING HERE WIIHHAN ACCOMPLISHMENT OF REALLY PUTTING INTO MOTION THAT LINE OF COMMUNICATION. WE WILL BE DELIGHTED TO TRY TO ANSWER THE QUESTIONS THAT YOU MIGHTUVE.

13. MR. CHAIRMAN, MAY I SAY ONE WORD. YESTERDAY, WHILE WE WERE TRAVELLING ABOUT PARTICULARLY IN THE VILLAGE, WE... MET NOT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS BUT TWO PEOPLE, ONE OF THEM EXPRESSED THE FACT THAT HE WAS SO PLEASED THAT WE HAD COME TO SEE(THEM)... HE SAID.... NOW I THINK YOUR GOVERNMENT CARES. I THINK ALL OF US HAVE TO KEEP THIS IN MIND... NOW I THINK YOUR GOVERNMENT CARES.

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Q. WOULD YOU CARE TO NAME THE VILLAGE?

A. I THINK IT WAS BICHPURI.

14. Q. QUESTION OF NUCLEAR FUEL IN THE UNITED STATES.  
THERE SEEMS TO BE A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION ON THIS

STATUS OF THE CONTRACTUAL LAW OF APPLICATIONS. CONGRESS  
PASSES LEGISLATION. WHAT IS YOUR VIEW ON THIS?

A. (MR. WOLFF); WELL, WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE LEGISLATION  
WILL BE AS YET, HOWEVER, I CAN SAY THAT OUR  
OBJECTIVES ARE TO STOP NUCLEAR ARMS PROLIFERATION.  
WE, THEREFORE, WOULD LIKE TO SEE CERTAIN SAFEGUARDS,  
PUT INTO ANY AGREEMENTS THAT ARE MADE TO SEE TO IT  
THAT THE WORLD DOES NOT BECOME HOSTAGE TO A SINGLE  
SMALL NATION. WE ARE NOT CONCERNED ABOUT INDIA  
PARTICULARLY, WE FEEL THAT INDIA HAS DEMONSTRATED  
ITS ABILITY, TO PROTECT THE INFORMAVN AND TO LIVE  
UP TO ITS COMMITMENTS. HOWEVER, I DO FEEL THAT IT  
IS IMPORTANT FOR THE INDIAN GOVERNMENT TO UNDERSTAND  
THAT THERE ARE SOME VERY SERIOUS QUESTIONS WITHIN  
THE CONGRESS THAT WILL BE RAISED DURING THIS YEAR AND  
WHAT EFFECT IT WILL HAVE ON THE CONTRACT WE DON'T  
KNOW, BUT WHEN THE PRESIDENT WAS HERE, HE DID INDICATE  
THAT IT WAS NOT HIS POSITION PRIMARILY, BUT HE WAS  
CONCERNED ABOUT WHAT THE CONGRESS ITSELF WILL DO. WE  
HAVE NO CRYSTAL BALL TO BE ABLE TO FORECAST WQT THE  
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CONGRESSIONAL DECISION WILL BE. HOWEVER, ON GOING BACK,  
WE GO BACK WITH THE ASSURANCES OF MR. DESAI THAT HE  
WOULD NOT IF I COULD QUOTE HIM, AND I DO NOT WANT TO  
QUOTE HIM, BUT HE SAID THAT HE WOULD RATHER RESIGN  
THAN TO PERMIT HIS COUNTRY TO USE AND MAKE ATOMIC  
WEAPONS, -- NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

15. Q. IF INDIA DOES NOT SIGN THE NON-PROLIFERATION  
TREATY, BUT NEVERTHELESS DOES OPEN HER FACILITIES TO  
INTERNATIONAL INSPECTION, (BUT ONLY ON THE CONDITION  
THAT THE UNITED STATES AND RUSSIA AGREE TO A COM-  
PREHENSIVE TEST BAN TREATY, WILL THAT BE CONSIDERED  
BY THE U.S. CONGRES A SUFFICIENT MOVE TO ALLOW THE  
CONTRACT TO CONTINUE?

A. (MR. WOLFF); I REALLLY CAN'T SPEAK FOR THE WHOLE  
CONGRESSN HOWEVER, FOR MYSELF I WOULD SAY THAT, I  
AM ONLY ONE PERSON OUT OF 435, ACUALLY 535, BUT I  
WOULD ANSWER THAT BY SAYING THAT MR. DESAI DID SAY  
THIS TO US. HE SAID THAT HE WOULD RATHER PROVE BY  
HIS ACTIONS, IN OYHR WORDS, HE WANTS TO BIND HIS  
GOVERNMENT AND HIM TO PROVE THAT HE WAS RIGHT, AND  
THEREFORE, HE IS PREPARED TO COME BEFORE THE CONGRESS,  
BEFORE THE AMERICAN CONGRSS. THEREFORE, WE DID, HE  
INDICATED HE IS COMING, I BELIEVE, IN MAY, AND WE  
ISSUED AN INVITATION TO HIM TO COME BEFORE THE CONGRESS  
TO EXPLAIN HIS POSITION. I THINK THAT WILL HELP TO  
PAVE THE WAY FOR A BETTER UNDERSTANDING OF THE INDIAN

POSITION, BUT I COULD NOT POSSIBLY FORECAST HOW THE CONGRESS WILL REACT...YES, (TO REFRESH MY MEMORY) HE SAID THAT HE THOUGHT THAT HE COULD CONVINCE US THAT HE WAS RIGHT. HOWEVER, IF WE COULD NOT BE CONVINCED, HE WOULD OFFER TO BE CONVINCED AS WELL.  
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16. Q. DID HE MANAGE TO CONVINCE YOU, WHILE YOU HAVE BEEN HERE?

A. WELL, HE MADE A VERY- STRONG CASE OF IT- I WILL PUT IT THAT WAY.  
MR. CHAIRMAN, ONE THING THAT THE PRIME MINISTER DID SAY, WHICH WE REFERRED TO IN OTHER COUNTRIES, THERE ARE MANY NON-NUCLEAR NATIONS WHICH FEEL THAT IT IS SOMEWHAT DISCRIMINATORY TO GO INTO THE QUESTION OF HORIZONTAL PROLIFERATION PRIOR TO SETTling VERTICAL PROLIFERATION... I AGREE WITH THE CHAIRMAN WE PROBABLY HAVE 535 DIFFERENT OPINIONS. BUT I THINK ZVE IS A POINT TO BE MADE, I.E. PERHAPS WE ARE SOMEWHAT PRESUMPTUOUS IN THEIR EYES IN NOT SETTling THE QUESTION OF VERTICAL PROLIFERATION. BEFORE WE GO INTO THE QUESTION OF HORIZONTAL PROLIFERATION....

A. (MR. WOLFF): BUT THERE IS ONE FACT, I THINK IT IS UNDERLAYING ALL OF THIS, AND THAT IS, THE COMPREHENSION OF THE UNITED STATES POSITION RELATIVE TO THE QUESTION OF SAFEGUARDS AND THE LIKE. IT IS NOT INTENDED TO BE DISCRIMINATORY. IT IS NOT INTENDED TO PUT A LID ON THE PRODUCTION OF NUCLEAR POWER. WHAT IT IS ATTEMPTING TO DO AND WHAT CONGRESS OBJECTIVES ARE, ARE TO SEE TO IT WH WE DON'T INVITE NEW MEMBERS INTO THE NUCLEAR CLUB. ACTUALLY WHAT WE ARE SAYING IS EXACTLY THE SAME THINK THAT THE PRIME MINISTER HAS SAID. HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE DISARMAMENT. HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE THIS AS A ZONE OF PEACE. IF SOME SMALL NATIONS OF THIS AREA, BY A TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY OR A TRANSFER OF MATERIALS WH ARE IN SOME FASHION DIVERTED, BECOME POSSESSORS OF THIS TECHNOLOGY OR THE MATERIALS TO PRODUCE A NUCLEAR WEAPON, THIS WILL UPSET THE BALANCE THAT EXISTS IN THE WORLD  
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TODAY. ... WE DO NOT WANT TO RAISE THE LEVEL OF



SOPHISTICATION OF THE WEAPONRY COMING INTO AN AREA. THE PRESIDENT HAS STOPPED OUR BREEDER REACTOR. THE PRESIDENT AND CONGRES, WE STOPPED THE CLINCH RIVER BREEDER REACTOR FOR BASIC REASONS. WE WANT TO EVIDENCE TO THE WORLD THAT WE ARE SINCERE IN OUR EFFORTS TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF DESTRUCTIVE NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY.

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17. Q. YOU HAVE JUST SAID THAT MORARJI HAS AGREED TO ACT AS BUFFER BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION IN DISARMAMENT TALKS. WILL YOU ELABORATE IT FURTHER?

A. (MR. WOLFF): YES, ACTUALLY, MR. DESAI HAD SAID THAT -- HESUD THOSE EXACT WORDS, BUT I THINK YOU SHOULD GET THE QUOTE DIRECTLY FROM HIM, -- BUT I CAN TELL YOU, HE SAID THAT TO PARAPHRASE IT, THAT HE WOULD OFFER TO ACT AS A BUFFER BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION IN DISARMANENT - AND IN THE NUCLEAR FIELD PARTICULARLY, TO BRING ABOUT A REDUCTION OF THE LEVEL OF TENSIONS AND TO BRING ABOUT ULTIMATE DIARMAMENT. NOW, HE SAID, THAT AS WELL, THAT HE BELIEVES THAT WAS A LONG TERM OBJECTIVE AND HE BELIEVES THAT WE ARE LIVING IN A REAL WORLD AND THE ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THAT WOULD CERTAINLY BE A LONG TIME IN COMING. HOWEVER, HE BELIEVED THAT WE SHOULD LOOK TOWARD THAT END AND THEREFORE, PROJECTED HIMSELF INTO THAT POSITION.  
Q. PRECISELY, MAY I KNOW WHAT HE MEANT BY THE BIFFER...?

A. MR. WOLFF: WELL, I DON'T KNOW WHAT HE MEANT BUT WHAT I INTERPRETED, I THE FACT THAT HE WOULD OFFER HIMSELF TO ACT AS MEDIATOR BETWEEN THE TWO  
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NATIONS IN ORDER TO TRY TO BRING US TOGETHER. I BELIEVE HE IS SINCERE IN HIS EFFORTS TO DO THIS, AND I THINK THIS IS NOT IMPORTANT. ALTHOUGH HE INDICATED THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO ESTABLISH A POSITION OF HEGEMONY IN THE AREA, HE DID INDICATE THAT HE FELT THAT NO OTHER NATION SHOULD ATTEMPT TO ESTABLISH HEGEMONY IN THIS AREA. I THINK ONE OF THE POINTS THAT THE PRIME MINISTER WAS TRYING TO MAKE WAS HOW MANY NATIONS ARE FEARFUL THAT THIS IMPATIENCE THAT EXISTS BETWEEN THE SOVIET UNION AND THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS FORCED AN INCREASE IN ARMAMENTS, AND I THINK EVERYONE WOULD AGREE THAT... THAT WOULD BE THE MAJOR TYPE OF ROLE THAT THE PRIME MINISTER COULD PLAY AS THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION ADVANCE TOWARD DISARMAMENT AGREEMENTS...

18. Q. YOU MENTIONED ABOUT AN ASIAN AND PACIFIC PARLIAMENTARY ASSEMBLY. WHAT PRECISELY DO YOU HAVE IN MIND?

A. MR. WOLFF: THE IDEA OF AN ASSEMBLY OF PARLIAMENTARIANS THAT GOES BEYOND THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION, BECAUSE THE INTER-PARLIAMENTARY UNION ATTACKS THE PROBLEMS OF THE WORLD, BUT IT DOES NOT SPECIFICALLY DIRECT ITS ATTENTION TO SOME OF THE MORE SERIOUS PROBLEMS OF THE WORLD THAT EXISTS TODAY. WE FEEL THAT THERE SHOULD BE AN ASSEMBLY SET UP THAT... SHOULD DIRECT ATTENTION TO THE PROBLEMS THAT ARE PECULIAR TO THIS AREA OF THE WORLD, AND IN DOING SO IT WOULD MAKE IT MUCH EASIER AND WOULD FACILITATE THE SOLUTIONS TO THOSE PROBLEMS. I AM TALKING ABOUT VARIETY OF SITUATIONS, WHETHER THEY WOULD BE IN THE QUESTION OF DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE, WHETHER IT COMES TO THE QUESTION OF EVEN  
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SUCH AN AREA AS IRRIGATION FOR THIS PARTICULAR AREA, FOOD, ENVIRONMENTS, THE ECONOMIC SITUATION IN THE AREA, I SERVED WITH THE UNITED NATIONS FOR SOME THREE MONTHS IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, AND UNFORTUNATELY, THE UNITED NATIONS IS NO LONGER A BODY THAT IS DIRECTING ITS ATTENTION TO SOME OF THE VERY SERIOUS PROBLEMS OF THE

WORLD FACES. TOO MUCH ATTENTION IS BEING PAID TO THE POLITICAL ELEMENTS RATHER THAN TO THE VERY SERIOUS, IMMEDIATE PROBLEMS THAT FACE THE WORLD. OUR OBJECTIVE HERE, WITH THIS GROUP, AND BY THE WAY, ON THIS TRIP WE HAVE SPOKEN TO THE HEADS OF STATE, AT PRESENT TIME, OF SOME EIGHT NATIONS. WE WILL HAVE, BY THE END OF OUR TRIP, SPOKEN TO THE HEAD OF STATE OF TEN NATIONS OF THE WORLD. ON A PREVIOUS JOURNEY TO THIS AREA OF THE WORLD, LAST YEAR, WE SPOKE TO ANOTHER SEVEN. EACH ONE OF THEM HAS INDICATED, VERY STRONGLY THEIR INTEREST IN ESTABLISHING SUCH AN ORGANIZATION. IT WILL BRING THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PEOPLE TOGETHER AND THAT'S WHAT WE ARE REALLY TALKING ABOUT, OF BEING ABLE TO RELATE THE INDIVIDUAL PROBLEMS TO THE COLLECTIVE PROBLEMS OF THE PEOPLE OF THIS AREA OF THE WORLD...

19. Q. YOU HAVE EXPRESSED YOUR INTEREST IN CONCORD THIS LAST YEAR. INDIA IS NOW GOING TO CONSIDER LETTING CONCORD OVER FLY ON ITS WAY TO SINGAPORE. DID YOU DISCUSS IT ALL....?

A. NO. NO. WE DID NOT. ACTUALLY, THE ONLY INTEREST THAT I HAD WAS IN ITS FLYING OVER MY HOUSE.

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